

**Rule Development Agenda
January - June 2008**

The Forest Practices Board's mandate is to adopt rules to protect the state's public resources while maintaining a viable forest products industry. The following rule proposals are under development or are anticipated during this time period.

1. **Desired Future Condition.** The Board initiated rule making to amend chapter 222-30 WAC related to desired future condition performance targets in riparian management zones.
2. **Historic Sites.** The Board will consider initiating rule making to amend WAC 222-16-050 relating to Class IV-Special classifications to include historic sites as a SEPA trigger.
3. **Conversion Activity.** The Board will consider initiating rule making to amend chapter 222-16 WAC to implement changes contained in SSSB 5883 passed by the 2007 Legislature.
4. **Northern Spotted Owl.** The Board approved an emergency rule to extend the moratorium to February 25, 2008 on decertifying northern spotted owl site centers. The Board will consider permanent rule adoption at its February meeting which would sunset the moratorium on December 31, 2008.
5. **Urban/Forest Land Interface.** The Board may consider rule making to amend rules that clarify the boundary between urban and forest lands.
6. **Upland Wildlife.** The Board, with the Department of Fish and Wildlife, continues to conduct a comprehensive review of the forest practices rules and science for upland wildlife protection and development of cooperative management planning processes. This review and planning process, along with new species listings, and the designation of critical habitat, may result in a rule proposal.

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